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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export of marine products during the year 2000-2001;

(b) the targets of the export of marine products during the above period;

(c) the details of the foreign countries importing marine products from India;

(d) whether the fishermen are the worst sufferers inspite of increase in export of marine products;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to improve the living standard of fishermen?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : During the period April-January 2001, export of marine products amounted to Rs.5411.56 Crores equivalent to US $ 1195 million.

(b) : A target of US $ 1250 million has been fixed for export of marine products from India for the year 2000-2001.

(c) : A large number of countries import marine products from India. The major importing countries are Japan, USA, European Union, China, UAE, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Canada, Taiwan , Republic of Korea etc.

(d) : The increased exports of marine products are beneficial to fishermen as they get better price realisation for their catch and it also significantly improves their employment opportunities.

(e) : Does not arise.

(f) : Government have taken steps for promoting welfare measures for the socio- economic upliftment of fishermen, which include assistance to State Governments for construction of model fishermen villages, saving-cum-relief scheme for helping them during lean period and insurance coverage to fishermen.